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## **Tourists will have plenty of restaurants to chose from**

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With financial considerations making many rethink their long-distance travel plans, the tourism, hospitality and retail industries are promoting the benefits of "staycations." Myriad events, an eclectic selection of restaurants and affordable accommodations mean those living in or near Warwick don't have to look far to find a variety of inexpensive ways to enjoy the summer months.

More than 2,000 eateries offer wide-ranging menus to suit every budget and taste, and, along with the opening of a number of new "chain" establishments, several family-owned, popular restaurants have recently renovated their facilities.

A \$1 million investment in The Greenwood Inn Restaurant and Bar, owned and operated by the Papa Family since 1954, has resulted in a more modern appearance, increased seating capacity and expanded bar area.

Just steps away from the Oakland Beach seawall is Iggy's Doughboy's and Chowder House, the oldest beach stand in Rhode Island. Built in 1924, the building - which has survived two major hurricanes - now boasts a Nantucket-style, grey shingled exterior, and, inside, expanded kitchen and storage space and seating for 40, with panoramic views of the bay.

Across the road, a restaurant with a long and storied history has reopened under new ownership and with a new name, The Top of the Bay.

Our Department of Tourism, Culture and Development has been working closely with its partner agencies to encourage local tourism. In addition to a Tour Rhode Island event in May - the Warwick leg was sold out months in advance - our department has been actively promoting Warwick's recreational facilities, marinas, and our salt- and fresh-water beaches, along with neighborhood festivals, Gaspee Days, fireworks displays and the annual Summer Concert Series. Many of these family-friendly events and attractions are free, or charge only a nominal fee.

Of course, with dozens of hotels and motels here, Warwick is also a cost-effective choice for people looking for an overnight getaway without traveling too far from home. This summer, travelers will have a unique lodging option, when NYLO hotel - only the second in the country - opens at historic Pontiac Mills. Ten-foot-high ceilings, lots of natural light, exposed brick, polished concrete walls, local artwork, and a floor catering to guests with allergies are just some of the amenities in this place where "new urbanism" and history meet.

Our tourism staff is always available to answer questions or facilitate visits to local attractions and events. For more information, contact (401) 738-2000, ext. 6402; Karen.Jedson@warwickri.com; or [www.visitwarwickri.com](http://www.visitwarwickri.com).

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